

Sunday 16 August 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

First Reading - Isaiah 56.6-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

People of every nation
will come
to love and serve the Lord.
They will keep the sabbath,
and trust
in the Lord's covenant.
And I will welcome them,
here on my holy mountain,
says the Lord;
and they will be joyful
in my house of prayer.
Their offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted
on my altar.
And my house will be called
a house of prayer
for all nations.
This is the word of the Lord.

Second Reading - Romans 12.1-2

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you,
brothers and sisters,
as your response
to God's great mercy,
to present your bodies
as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God.
Do not be
conformed
to the ways
of this world,
but be transformed,
by the renewing of your minds,
towards
the perfect
will of God.
This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel - Matthew 15.21-28

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Jesus went north
from Galilee
to the coastal districts of Lebanon.
A woman
from that region, who was not
a Hebrew,
approached Jesus,
saying, 'Have mercy on me,
Lord, Son of David,
for my daughter
is tormented
by a demon.'
But Jesus
did not answer her.
And his disciples said to him, 'Send her away,
for she keeps
shouting after us.'
So Jesus said to her,
'I was
sent
only
to the lost sheep
amongst the Hebrew people.'
But she knelt before him,
saying, 'Lord, help me.'
Jesus said to her, 'It is not right
to take food
away
from the children.'
She said, 'Yes, Lord,
but surely
there will be
crumbs
that fall
from the table.'
Jesus now turned to her,
and said, 'You have great faith.
Let it be done for you
as you request.'
And at that very moment,
her daughter
was healed.
This is the Gospel of the Lord.